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SUB: CANADIAN LOAN AND GRANT ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN

1. AUG 31 EDITION SEMI-OFFICIAL PAKISTAN TIMES CARRIES FOLLOWING ARTICLE REPORTING CANADIAN LOAN AND GRANT ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN. QUOTE. CANADA HAS AGREED TO EXTEND TO PAKISTAN A 5 MILLION CANADIAN DOLLARS INTEREST-FREE LOAN, REPAYABLE OVER A PERIOD OF 50 YEARS, UNDER AN AGREEMENT SIGNED HERE TODAY.

WITH THIS LOAN, PAKISTAN WILL ACQUIRE THREE SETS OF MODERN AND SOPHISTICATED SEISMIC GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY SYSTEMS AND DIGITAL SEISMIC DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FOR THE OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THEREBY ENABLING THE CORPORATION TO REPLACE ITS EXISTING OUTDATED EQUIPMENT.

IN ADDITION, UNDER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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ALSO SIGNED TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS AGREED TO GIVE ONE MILLION DOLLARS, UNDER THEIR GRANT

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME, TO MEET EXPENSES OF CANADIAN
EXPERT SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT IN CANADA
AND PAKISTAN, AND ALSO FOR SPECIFIC TRAINING OF OGDC
PERSONNEL IN CANADA. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT. SEPTEMBER 3 A.L. LABRECQUE,
CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE, CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT ABOVE ARTICLE IS
CORRECT.
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